Compulsion to purchase gas stove from LPG distributors

582. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1877 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1986 regarding compulsion by gas distributors for purchasing of gas burners from them and state:

(a) how many complaints have been received by Government from customers in this regard during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) in how many cases Government have taken action against the distributors indicating figures during the last three years corporation-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Impact of new drug policy

583. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any analysis with regard to the impact of the new drug policy on the development of indigenous capabilities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the mechanism to monitor the drug prices in order to safeguard the interests of the common man, keeping in view the price decontrol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The new measures announced aim at growth of drugs and pharmaceutical industry in the country, *inter alia*, by strengthening the indigenous capability for the production of drugs and pharmaceuticals. Copies of the new measures are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) Under the new measures there will be price control in respect of two categories of drugs viz., Category I, drugs needed for National Health Programme and II, other essential drugs which will be identified by an Expert Committee. However, in the measures there is a stipulation to the effect that Government will have the right to bring within the ambit of control, any drug in the de-controlled category, at any point of time, should it be considered necessary to do so.

Unauthorised running of chemical factories

584. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chemical factors are being run at H|13-A and G-24 in Shakarpur residential area, Delhi, in violation of the licensing conditions and pollution control orders;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this was brought to the notice of the authorities concerned sometime in November, 1986;

(c) whether any verification has been made by Government to establish facts; if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(d) if answer to (c) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) According to Delhi Administration, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi had the knowledge about the existence of two industrial units, one located at H/13-A Shakarpur, Delhi and the other at G-24, Shakarpur, Delhi engaged in preparation of Camphor tablets even prior to November, 1986. The unit at H/13-A Shakarpur, Delhi has been licensed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and is functioning conforming to the licensing conditions. The other unit at G-24, Shakarpur, Delhi, is working without a licence from MCD and has already been prosecuted by them.

Efficiency of Thermal Power Stations

585. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) at what efficiency on an average our thermal power stations are working in different parts of the country;

(b) what is the efficiency in thermal power stations of Maharashtra; and

(c) which is the best one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) (a) to (c) The information required is given in the statement.

Statement

Plant Load Factor of the Thermal Power Stations in the country during April 1986—January 1987

Period April 86—Jan.1987

Thermal Power Station	Plant Load Factor (%)
1	2
Central Sector	
Badarpur	49.0
Singrauli STPS	74.2
Korba STPS	79.5
Ramagundam STPS	80.4
Neyveli	71.7
Chandrapur (DVC)	38.5
Durgapur (DVC)	55.4
Bokaro (DVC)	49.2
Chola (Railways)	..
Private Sector	63.6
Ahmedabad Electric Co.	62.5
Trombay (Tata Elec. Co.)	68.5
Calcutta Elec. Supply Corporation	56.5
State Electricity Boards	48.7
DESU	68.3
I.P. Station	68.3
Rajghat	..
HSEB	33.9
Faridabad Extn	43.4
Panipat	27.4
RSEB	48.6
Kota	48.6
PSEB	66.4
Bhatinda	53.1
Ropar	80.4
UPSEB	38.6
Obra	36.4
Panki	52.9
Harduaganj 'A'	13.5
Harduaganj 'B' & 'C'	37.9
R.P.H. Kanpur	N.A.
Parichha	47.2
Anpara	60.8
GEB	53.3
Dhuvaran	*63.5*